

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles Sprague

Travel Letter No. 7
ST. AUGUSTA, Fla.—Florida is California with moisture. Its sandy soil is underlaid with limestone and overlaid with tourism. Ponce de Leon of Spain discovered Florida in 1513, but the vital discovery and invasion were made by the Yankees a little over a quarter century ago. The resulting boom and bust were an important preliminary to the 1929 depression. Florida's recuperative powers, however, were more than adequate and it seems to have caught-up and passed the imaginative 1920s.

You can tell Florida when you reach the state by its tropical resort appearance. Housing is better—a welcome change from the negro shanties of South Carolina, many of them with wooden closures for windows instead of glass panes. Georgia is a little better with enough sawmills to provide considerable employment.

But Florida shows the impulse of northern enterprise and capital. It diligently exploits its attractions and makes caring for tourists a major occupation. And tourists from the thickly-populated states to the north move southward in winter like migrating birds. On our way here at the end of the winter season these birds of passage were streaming northward; cars and house-trailer parks abound at all the tourist centers.

But Florida has more than the tourist business for its support: (Continued on editorial page 4.)

House Passes One-Package Foreign Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, March 31—(P)—The house, in a sweeping reversal of its earlier actions, today passed and sent to the senate a \$3,000,000,000 foreign aid bill. The vote was 287 to 86.

The huge, one-package bill was trimmed of some of the money President Truman wanted, and his plan to develop backward areas of the world was cut almost in half.

But the administration won these two hotly contested points:
1. An amendment which would have barred all aid to Britain until Ireland was united was knocked out by a 226-to-60 standing vote.

2. A provision that \$1,000,000,000 of the fund be earmarked for surplus U.S. crops was eliminated, 198 to 70.

But the administration lost a couple of other decisions:
A \$250,000,000 cut in Marshall plan funds stayed in.

The plan to develop economically backward areas was slashed from a requested \$45,000,000 to \$25,000,000. The vote here was 117 to 78.

Here's the way the bill now lines up:
\$2,850,000,000 for the Marshall plan nations of Europe, \$100,000,000 for the Republic of Korea, \$100,000,000 for Formosa, Nationalist China and southeastern Asia.

\$27,450,000 for relief of Arab refugees from Holy Land wars.
\$25,000,000 for development of backward areas under the "point four" plan.

Sublimity to Construct Civic Auditorium

SUBLIMITY, March 31—Residents of Sublimity this week voted to build a 72 by 100-foot civic auditorium on the site of the old Sublimity grade school. Work on the project will begin in about a month.

The auditorium building will be faced with masonry and will house a 48 by 100-foot auditorium which can be divided into four sections by sliding doors.

The project will be financed by public subscriptions and donated labor. No estimate of the cost has been made. Plans were drawn by Ralph Lulay, Joseph Schreve and Irvin Schumaker are on the finance committee.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"You were bitten by a man?"
"Look! How many times must I tell you—around here that's NOT news!"

Census-Takers on Job



As census enumerators begin their full-scale canvass of Salem area homes today, each will show credentials to notify householders he is representing the U. S. government in the official census. Above, Mrs. Faith Wycoff shows her yellow identification card to Mrs. S. E. Kelo at her home, 135 N. 13th st., in preliminary canvass Friday. Under the enumerator's arm is her census portfolio of questionnaires.



Prepared for any situation, this census enumerator, Mrs. Walter Slember, 1797 Center st. (right), found two girls preparing to move to a new location. But she interviewed Ruth Biscoff (left) and Joyce Lulay on the spot as their lease did not expire until last midnight.



In Salem as elsewhere, census takers will be pounding city pavement, riding country roads and otherwise seeking out the population today as the 17th decennial U. S. census begins in earnest. Familiar sight will be the approach of an enumerator with his portfolio, as pictured, Albert Blacie, 1185 S. 19th st., is on his rounds. (All photos by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Census Starts Today; Full Cooperation Asked

Population census taking begins officially today in the Salem area as it does throughout the United States.

In the five-county Salem district, this every-decade questioning is now the task of 265 fellow citizens who are to call on every home in the area.

The job is expected to take about two weeks in city areas and about four weeks in rural sections, according to Cornelius Bateson, who is supervising the Salem district.

Bateson said he was confident that the whole-hearted cooperation shown enumerators in their practice operations will be continued. The welcome has been reported warm at the doorsteps of houses on both city street and country road.

More than that, the farms, where more detailed information is sought, have been ready with the answers almost without exception, he added. Agricultural

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Bridges Case Jury Debates

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31—The federal court jury deliberating the government's charge of perjury against longshore leader Harry Bridges retired for the night tonight at 9:40 p.m. PST. It received the case at 12:42 p.m.

The jury of eight men and four women decided to call it a day about half an hour after they had sent in a request for a copy of the court's instructions.

The trial, which opened November 10, was the longest criminal trial in this federal court's history.

In 1945 the Australian-born CIO Longshore union leader swore, at his citizenship hearing, that he wasn't a communist. Last May the federal grand jury indicted him on a charge of perjury.

Two fellow-officers in the longshore union, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, were indicted for conspiracy. They were Bridges' citizenship witnesses.

Perjury carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison or a \$5,000 fine, or both. Conspiracy conviction could result in two years or \$10,000 or both. But more than that, a conviction would lay Bridges open to proceedings for revocation of his citizenship and deportation to his native Australia.

Mother Kills Child, Makes Suicide Try

CHEMULT, Ore., March 31—(P)—A six-year-old boy was killed near here today in a gasoline station rest room with an automatic pistol that was found beside his seriously wounded mother.

State Patrolman Jim Ayers quoted the mother, Mrs. Lola Patrick, 26, as saying before she was rushed to a Klamath Falls hospital: "I just couldn't go on like this; I just couldn't. I'm not fit to live."

The patrolman said she told him, "I didn't want to leave him behind."

The boy, Lyndell Patrick, died immediately of a bullet wound in the chest in the locked rest room of the service station at Beaver Marsh, seven miles south of here on the Dalles-California highway. Mrs. Patrick also was shot in the chest.

They came to Beaver Marsh with Shelby Edison Stillwell, 35, of Sheridan, Ayers said. Stillwell told Ayers Mrs. Patrick was divorced from her husband and had been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hayworth of route 1, Jefferson. He said she had gone to San Francisco by bus with her son, and then telephoned him to come and get her. Stillwell did so.

When they stopped on the return trip at Beaver Marsh, Stillwell told the officer, Mrs. Patrick apparently called the boy into the rest room with her. Then he heard the two shots and a scream. He said he could not account for the shooting.

Treasure Found at Goering's Lodge

MUNICH, Germany, March 31—(P)—American investigators have uncovered a hidden treasure in the cellar of Hermann Goering's former hunting lodge in the Bavarian mountains.

Clarence M. Bolds, state commissioner for Bavaria, said the treasure was found in a concrete chamber but he refused to identify it.

Politics on Parade . . .

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Comments in this series are made by or for the candidates. They are not necessarily or may not reflect the opinion of this newspaper.)

Today's subject:
Joseph Singer (D)
Candidate for
State Representative (Polk)

I was prompted in filing my candidacy not only by the desire to promote the interests of the democratic party and the common man, but because of my desire to contribute, within my living lifetime, some of my services to government. Since our government is based on democratic principles, I feel that we, as individuals, should feel obligated to take part in its functions.



I was born in Bismark, N. D., Dec. 4, 1906. I lived on a homestead until 1909, then moved to

U. S. Tells Greece To Reform Rule Or Lose ECA Aid

ATHENS, Greece, March 31—(P)—U. S. Ambassador Henry F. Grady called on Greece today to put her political and economic house in order if she expects to receive further American aid.

In a strongly-worded letter to Premier Sophocles Venizelos, the ambassador warned that continuance of American aid will depend on "basic and binding decisions" by the Greek government that will insure successful utilization of Marshall plan funds.

American embassy sources said the letter was unprecedented in U. S. relations with Greece.

Police Arrest Dean Abney, Local Boxer

Dean LeRoy Abney, 20, of Jefferson, professional boxer well known to Salem audiences was arrested Wednesday on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen goods.

Abney, along with George Wright and Donald William Erickson, both of Aumsville, was taken into custody by a Marion county deputy sheriff and a state patrolman.

Wright and Erickson, both 18, are charged with burglarizing the Aumsville tavern and coffee shop last week of about \$200, all in rolls of nickels.

Abney said he did not take part in the burglary but, in his signed statement, he admitted helping Wright and Erickson dispose of the money.

The fighter was scheduled to appear in the main event of next Wednesday night's professional boxing card at the Salem armory. Chairman Howard Maple of the Salem boxing commission Friday suspended Abney, pending investigation of charges against him.

The 18-year-old Aumsville pair both admitted implication in the burglary in statements signed at the sheriff's office. Deputies said they took about \$168 in nickels from the Aumsville and another \$35 from an adjacent coffee shop. About \$18 was recovered, deputies said.

The burglary occurred in the early morning hours of March 22. Wright and Erickson, both formally charged with burglary not in a dwelling, are being held in the county jail on \$2,500 bail each. Abney was released Friday night on payment of \$750 bail.

All three are scheduled to appear this morning in Marion county district court to plead to the charges.

Czech Priests Plead Guilty

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, March 31—(P)—Two high-ranking Roman Catholic clergymen pleaded guilty to high treason today, the official Czech news agency said, as the country's first mass trial of churchmen opened.

Ten clergymen are charged with high treason, espionage for the Vatican and anti-state activities and plotting the armed overthrow of the present communist-led regime.

The news agency identified those who confessed guilty to high treason as Abbott Bohumil Vit Tajovský of the monastery at Zelvej in central Bohemia and Abbott Augustin Machalka of the monastery at Nova Rise. The news agency said Abbott Machalka also confessed to the espionage count.

Wilson Brothers Protest Innocence; Utah Admits Being Near Crime Scene

Jo Ann Dewey Case Suspects Claim Persecution Because of Police Record

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 31—(P)—One of the two short, poker-faced brothers accused of slaying an 18-year-old girl in Vancouver, Wash., told police he was in the vicinity of the crime at the time it was committed. But he denied involvement, as did his brother.

U.S. Marshal Hayden Saunders said the men, Turman G. Wilson, 24, and Utah Eugene Wilson, 21, indicated they would not fight return to Washington on kidnap-murder charges.

The fugitives fell into a police-FBI trap last night. They had been sought since the nude, viciously beaten body of Jo Ann Dewey was found in Wind creek, near Stevenson, Wash., last Sunday. She had been dragged screaming into a car by two men on a Vancouver street a week earlier.

A fingerprint on a bottle discovered at the site of the abduction led to a search for the brothers, both former convicts.

City Detective Robert E. Doyle said Utah Wilson told him that he was near the abduction scene at the time. But Utah added: "I don't know anything about it except what I read in the newspapers."

The brothers were given a preliminary hearing before U.S. Commissioner Adellia C. McCabe today on the federal charge of illegal flight. They were remanded to custody after the federal warrant and locked up in the county jail.

Police said the brothers had \$550 in \$10 bills. They added that Utah told them the money came from a series of 50 burglaries for which he was sent to the Washington reformatory in 1942.

"The money belongs to me because I earned it by doing time in prison," City Detective E. Doyle quoted Utah as saying.

Later newsmen were allowed to talk with the brothers. Turman charged he has been hounded by police since he was convicted of rape in Oregon in 1942.

"I have done nothing wrong," he continued, "but I realize that leaving town just before this crime did not do us any good."

Sheriff, Aides Arrested

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 31—(P)—Sheriff Earl Anderson of Clark county and two deputies were arrested tonight on charges of "voluntary intoxication and creating a disturbance."

They appeared at the sheriff's office to have warrants served on them by Coroner Roy Spady. Then they posted \$100 cash bond each, and were freed. This left the sheriff free to leave for Sacramento tomorrow, where he would pick up Turman and Utah Wilson, charged with the slaying of Jo Ann Dewey.

No hearing date has been set on the charges against the sheriff and his deputies.

The action grew out of statements that the sheriff and deputies, Arthur Swick and William Scott, manhandled Colin Cree when he volunteered information he said might aid in solving the kidnaping of 18-year-old Jo Ann Dewey.

The complaint was signed by Grayson Crull, 45, a deacon of the Seventh Day Adventist church at nearby Meadow Glade, who was at the home of H. E. Cusic March 25 when the officers came there to talk to Cree.

Mrs. Wilson Defends Her Sons

CAMAS, Wash., March 31—(P)—Mrs. Eunice Wilson, tall, dark, husky mother of the Wilson brothers, said simply today: "All my boys are good boys."

Mrs. Wilson lives about six miles north of here in a neat, tiny house. She said she reared eight children on county relief because the father, Moses, is "never at home to help."

She is Sunday school superintendent for her small community church.

Two of her sons, Utah and Turman, were arrested in Sacramento last night on first degree murder and first degree kidnaping charges in the slaying of 18-year-old Jo Ann Dewey of Vancouver, Wash.

"Two other sons, Russ and Glenn, are serving time in the Oregon state penitentiary after a 1942 rape case conviction in Portland.

The fifth son, Grant, is considered by neighbors to be the family "white sheep." Neighbors said they would stake their lives on his honesty and integrity. It was information from him which led to the arrest of Turman and Utah.

"I just know that my sons are not guilty," Mrs. Wilson said in an interview today. "I feel it in my heart. The boys' records are being held against them."

Turman has been working in a mill and working hard. Utah has been helping me on my 10-acre farm."

She looked at the gold star hanging in her window. It's for her son Lester, killed in the Sicily invasion. Then she said: "Down deep Utah and Turman are both good boys. They both got good grades in school. I tried hard to give them a Christian upbringing."

"All my boys are good boys."

Home Building Sets 4-Year Mark in Salem

Construction of more new homes within the Salem city limits was authorized during March than during any month in the past four years.

The city engineer's office issued building permits for 60 dwellings slated to cost a total of \$431,350, and for an additional three duplexes valued at \$26,550.

Engineer's office records, which date back to 1929 on home construction figures, list only two months in the past 21 years which are comparable to March's record total.

One was January of 1946 when construction of 68 dwelling units was authorized. The other month was last October when 133 units were authorized. An apartment house, however, accounted for 161 of this total.

Last month 24 home building permits were issued and 10 were granted during January. (Additional details on page 4.)

Merger Issue Stymies CAB Airline Hearing

WASHINGTON, March 31—(P)—The civil aeronautics board today adjourned its hearing on airline service affecting Salem, Ore., and other Pacific northwest cities.

Examiner J. Earl Cox said the hearing would be reopened either when CAB receives an application for merger of West Coast Airlines and Southwest Airways or when all parties are satisfied that the rumored merger will not take place.

Robert Henry, counsel for West Coast, said details of the reported merger would be made public within six weeks or not at all.

Testimony this afternoon was presented by three United Airlines officials showing why United should not stop operations at Bellingham, Wash., and Salem and Klamath Falls, Ore.

Ray W. Ireland, United vice-president, questioned CAB's authority to order United out of the four towns. An order of that kind has never before been issued by the board.

Salem, as a state capital, needs a transcontinental airline, he said. He added that Salem is the 6th largest producer of freight traffic for United on the West Coast.

He pointed out that United's regular Portland flights from the south all pass over Salem anyway, and that United needs Salem as an alternate destination for Portland.

Eyerly Given Award For Work with Posses

A gold star award was made by Gov. Douglas McKay to Eyerly in recognition of his service as founder and captain of the Oregon mounted posse.

Eyerly headed the posse until recently when Holly Jackson became captain. Walter Leth was master of ceremonies for the Thursday night program recognizing Eyerly.

BASEBALL

COAST LEAGUE
At Hollywood 6, Portland 1
At Oakland 14, Seattle 1 (2 innings)
At San Diego 7, San Francisco 11
At Sacramento 7, Los Angeles 1.

Religious Events Given Emphasis For Holy Week

The meaning and background of three religious events, as well as details of their observance next week in the Salem area, are presented in "Passover-Palms-Passion" on today's church page in The Statesman, page 12. A similar article next Saturday will tell about Easter, climax of the Christian year.

And beginning Monday morning, The Statesman will present each day a Christus Rex picture and the Bible story of that day in the week between Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and His resurrection.

These features, concerned with all religious faiths, in

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